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In re U.S. Patent Application of)

YASUDA et al.)

Art Unit 2153)

Application Number: 10/767,778)

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For: FILE REPLICATION METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED)
FILE SYSTEMS)

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS ALREADY PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	20	22	2 (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	4	6	3 (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
				TOTAL	0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

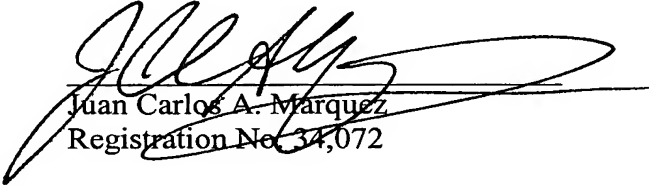
- [x] Preliminary Amendment
(with Claim Amendments)
- [] Substitute Specification
- [] Assignment
- [] Letter to Draftsperson
- [] Terminal Disclaimer

- [x] Petition to Make Special under 37 CFR
§1.102(d) for Accelerated Examination
- [x] Statements & Pre-exam search report
with References
- [x] Information Disclosure Statement with
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